

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3418
ANSWERED ON:14.08.2001
PEOPLE RESIDING ALONG INDO-NEPAL BORDER
NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA;SHYAMA SINGH

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that a large number of people residing in villages of Indo-Nepal border are enjoying citizenship of both the countries;
- (b) if so, whether the people in some villages which are in Nepal near the Indo-Nepal border are also enjoying Indian citizenship;
- (c) if so, the facts and details thereof; and
- (d) the action plan envisaged to check the entry of such Nepalese citizens into the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (c): No, Sir.

(d): There is free movement of people and goods across the India-Nepal Border. There exists between the two countries a bilateral mechanism on effective border management. A joint working group reviews the situation regularly and takes appropriate steps, as are required to prevent the entry of undesirable elements into each other's territory and to maintain peace and security along the border.